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In re the Application of: **TANAKA, Yasuaki**

Group Art Unit: 1756

Serial No.: 10/042,345

Examiner: N. BARRECA

Filed: January 11, 2002

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 6310

FOR: PROJECTION APPARATUS, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE APPARATUS, METHOD OF EXPOSURE USING THE APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CIRCUIT DEVICES BY USING THE APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED May 29, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: June 26, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **May 29, 2003**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-40, 60-67; Group (II), Claims 41-49, 52-59, 74-89, and Group (III), Claims 50 - 51, 72 - 73.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 41-49, 52- 59 and 74 - 89 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No.

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01-2340. If any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our
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